

Warden Message: Update - H1N1 Flu Outbreak

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This is an update to the U.S. Embassy's warden message of May 1 regarding the outbreak of H1N1 Influenza (swine flu).

On May 11, 2009, the government of Singapore downgraded its Disease Outbreak Response System Alert status from Orange to Yellow. As of May 11, the Singapore Ministry of Health's (MOH) website advised "In Alert Yellow, stringent border controls will still be maintained, with temperature screening at air, land and sea checkpoints. Home Quarantine Orders (HQO) will still apply to persons with a travel history to Mexico in the past seven days." It added that "temperature screening requirements and screening for flu-like symptoms and travel history have been lifted at work places, schools, buildings and events. At healthcare institutions, the current tighter restrictions will continue to be in place for the time being, especially in high risk areas such as A & E and ICU." American citizens are encouraged to monitor MOH announcements and comply with local requirements. Details regarding Singapore's response are located at: <http://www.moh.gov.sg/mohcorp/default.aspx>.

For more travel information related to the outbreak, please consult the Department of State's H1N1 Flu Outbreak Information at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_pandemic.html.

For the most up-to-date information on affected countries and how to protect oneself, please refer to: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>. The U.S. Government one-stop access to H1N1, avian and pandemic flu information is located at: <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>. Americans living in or traveling to Singapore are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the [State Department's travel registration web site](#) and obtain updated information on travel and security within Singapore. Americans without internet access may register directly with the U.S. Embassy in Singapore. The U.S. Embassy is located at 27 Napier Road, Singapore 258508, tel. [65] 6476-9100, fax [65] 6476-9340; web site <http://singapore.usembassy.gov/>. In case of emergencies after working hours, the duty officer at the Embassy may be contacted by calling tel. [65] 6476-9100.